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30 November 60

MOSCOW CONFERENCE

- I. Marathon conference of Communist parties continues into fourth week.
- II. Russians and Chinese evidently unable to compose their differences; both have indulged in bitter wrangling. Soviet sources told [redacted] [redacted] that Chinese behaving like Khrushchev at 25X6 UN, talking frequently and at length.
- III. Some reason to think that end of conference may be approaching; but we do not know whether any communiqué will be issued.
- IV. In any event, we think that basic conflicts will go unhealed.
- V. Moscow thus in genuine dilemma, as Chinese challenge could weaken Soviet leadership in Bloc; Ambassador Thompson even foresees possible weakening of Khrushchev's personal position.

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